

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A seat belt device comprising a seat belt for restraining and protecting an occupant sitting on a vehicle seat, and an end portion of the seat belt includes a lap anchor, ~~a lap anchor fixed to an end of the seat belt,~~

wherein the seat belt is connected to a vehicle body on a side of the vehicle seat via the lap anchor, and a seat weight sensor installed below the vehicle seat measures a seat load applied to said vehicle seat, ~~and the action of the seat belt device is controlled on the basis of the measured value of the seat load,~~

wherein a hitch member is attached immovably to either one of ~~said vehicle body,~~ said vehicle seat fixed to the vehicle body or body, ~~or~~ said seat weight sensor fixed to the vehicle body; and

wherein said lap anchor is connected ~~locked~~ to the hitch member.

2. (Withdrawn) A seat belt device as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising a locking member for preventing the release of the locking between said lap anchor and said hitch member.

3. (Currently Amended) A seat belt device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said hitch member comprises a slide bar;

wherein one end of the slide bar is attached to a mounting bracket of said seat weight sensor, the slide bar ~~which~~ extends from said one end toward the rear of the vehicle,

wherein another end of the slide bar is attached to the vehicle body;

wherein said lap anchor is connected to said slide bar; and

wherein said lap anchor is movable along said slide bar.

4. (Currently Amended) A seat belt device comprising a lap anchor attached to a hitch member;

wherein the hitch member comprises ~~[[a]]~~ an immovable slide bar;

wherein the lap anchor is movable along the slide bar to a standby position and a working position, and

wherein the slide bar is attached to a mounting bracket of a seat weight sensor.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Withdrawn) A seat belt device according to Claim 4, wherein the lap anchor is locked to the hitch member with a locking member.